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THE INTELLIGENCER.

WHEELING, FEBRUARY 24, 1900.

The Refunding Ordinance. The voters of the city of Wheeling are

called upon to-day to vote on one of the most important propositions that has been presented in years-the ordinance providing for the refunding of its debt. The measure is entirely non-partisan and is endorsed by the most prominent business men and financiers. The Register, for some mysterious reason, has conducted a campaign in oppo sition to its passage that for distortion of figures, wanton deception, and an appeal to the lower passions of the voter, has not been equalled at any time in its most erratic career.

Its grossest perversion is in regard to

rection 4 of the ordinance. The provisions of this section are such as are required by an act of the legislature of the state of West Virginia. An ordinance passed and bonds issued without power to levy a tax for the payment of the bonds and interest would not be worth any price in the money markets of the world. The provisions are simply to safeguard the purchasers of the bonds. Nothing more

When capital is seeking investment the security offered is scrutinized very closely. What kind of an investment would municipal bonds be if provision was not made for their redemption in the ordinance under which the bonds were issued?

The Register knows, if it knows anything about the issue of bonds of the city of Wheeling, that it is necessary to have these very provisions enacted which are umbodied in section 4.

It is not the intention to increase the annual levy of fifty cents, which has obtained for many years, but if it requires a levy of twenty cents to pay the lovy of that amount and further lovy of thirty cents will be made, which will be but the old lavy of fifty cents.

The statement made by the Register that the refunding ordinance about doubles the city debt, is untrue and the unscrupulous writer of such nonsense

the manufacture and sale of electric light to private consumers in order to save the gas plant to the citizens, and it is proposed to increase the debt a sufficient sum to construct a plant, which is less than \$95,000. If the ordinance is defeated, the question of the city enter ing into the manufacture of electricity is at an end. The city has been paying its bonded indebtedness faster than the income warrants and the situation cannot be relieved in a more just and equitable manner than by adopting the

A loan to pay \$82,000 of the compromise bonds, due this year, and a sufficient sum to erect an electric plant will not relieve the situation, as the city has not paid a single bond of the compromise issue in ten years; and should it have had to have made payment on this loan in the past ten years, a new loan would have had to have been created or the city would have defaulted, as the entire revenues from the fifty cent levy are exhausted in paying bonds and their interest without reference to the \$82,000, and there is not one penny left of our general funds for needed improvements and repairs to our streets, and has not been for

The only revenues under the presen situation which the city has for the im provement of streets and contingencies is the ten cent levy fund of about \$22,000 per annum, and the board of publiworks' contingency fund of about the same sum. This is certainly a very small sum for a city like Wheeling to spend annually for the betterment of streets and public grounds.

Will the Register kindly explain how the city could borrow \$82,000 and a suf ficient sum to build an electric light plant, if the people are to vote the pres ent ordinance down, simply because there is a provision for the levy of a tax for the payment of these bonds and interest, when it knows that if another ordinance were passed and submitted to the people, it would be necessary to embody the very same section in another ordinance?

A vote for rejection means a vote for socrease of taxes, or a default by the city in payments of its bonds due July 1, 1900. That is the true situation that confronts the voter to-day.

National Democratic Convention.

The selection of July 4 as the time for holding the Democratic national convention was on the suggestion of the West Virginia member of the national committee, the Intelligencer's esteemed friend, the Knight of the Purple Pencil Colonel John T. McGraw, whose recent day,

memorable efforts to preserve to Wes ent will be pleasantly remem The motive for choosing such a day is very transparent, but if the Democrats hope to gain any prestige for deliber-ating on the day which is devoted to the exaltion of pure patriogiam they will miss the point. The Chicago platform, which they hope to reasurm, is wholly repugnant to the significance of the Fourth of July, and the man who will be nominated rupresents principles that would make George Washington and the signers of the Declaration of Inde-pendence turn in their graves. Such clap-trap politics will in no wise deceive the people.

The overwhelming vote by which Kansas City was chosen as the place of meeting was a surprise, but the arguments of the Milwaukee boomers were an insuit to the intelligence of the Germans of that state. To claim that the voters of that nationality would be influenced by the presence of the me bers of the national convention of the party of Eryan is giving them credit for a very meagre intellectuality.

It is interesting to note some of the expressions made by the members of the national committee on the political outlook. Committeeman Daniels, of North Carolina, must have been in-spired by the effects of Washington hospitality when he said:

"We will carry every state we carried in 1896," said he, "and in addition we will carry Maryland, West Virginia, Ohio and Indiana. We can win without New York, although there are people who think we can carry New York. On what platform? Why, 'agin the gov-

But he spoke the truth about the platform. That is just what the Demo-cratic party has been ever since 1861the government." It has been negative in all the progress the country has made; it has opposed everything of a beneficent character and advocated only those policies which have been disastrous to the welfare of the people. It has ever been destructive, never erective. "Agin' the government" is about the size of the mentality of the present leaders of the Democracy.

Perhaps Committeeman Troup, of Connecticut, best expressed the real sentiment of the party leaders with reference to the prospects of the Demo-eracy this year. When asked what states north of the Potomac and east of Ohio the party would carry, he answer

Then how can you win?"

"I don't care whether we win or lose," was the equally frank reply. "I would rather lose than abandon any of our

Mr. Daniels is chasing rainbows. Mr. Troup deals with the concrete truth.

When the Register claims that the refunding ordinance contains a provis-ion for levying a special tax for the payment of the city bonds it is right. The ordinance would be utterly value less without it. It knows also that not a bond of the city could be sold without such guarantee to the purchaser. The impression that the Market Street Contortionist leaves with its readers is that such provision is some dark scheme of the framers of the ordinance to loot the freasury at their will. As the Intelligencer remarked before, those who are always suspecting evil of other people require a double guardianship over themselves.

How the most inconsequential trivial-ities are dignified when they are connected with royalty. A speaker in the British House of Lords in making agesture brought his hand down on the hat of the Prince of Walez, who was sitting in front of him. This incident was thought to be of sufficient importance to cable to the newspapers of this country. This will make Lily Langtry smile, and cause her to recall the time she playfully slipped a piece of ice down Albert Edward's royal back.

The Register has done nothing but misrepresent and villify since the re-funding ordinance, which was framed by a special committee of three Demo-crats and three Republicans, was adopted by the city council by a unanimous

The death of the veteran circus clown Dan Rice, recalls the fact that he once Wheeling, and started in the show business in this city. In his day he was a fellow "of infinate jest; of most excellent fancy."

The Democratic national committee in selecting Kansas City as the place for holding their convention showed a preference for stock yards as against breweries. It was a question of beer or

The recent session of the Daughters of the American Revolution is reported to have resembled a congress of fishwomen more than a gathering of the

Now is the time for the people to avail themselves of an apportunity of reliev. ing themselves of the charges of lighting the streets. Vote for the ratification of the refunding ordinance.

that he is to be the candidate of the Social Democracy for President Thanks. Ligan is as much of an affliction as the country can stand.

Taylor county presents a very accept able candidate for the president of the Republican League of Clubs, of this state, in the person of Prosecuting Attorney Ira E. Robinson.

It cost Senator Clark, of Montana \$139,000 to secure his election. The commercial instinct of the people of that state appears to be of razor-edge keen-

Business men should sacrifice a few moments of their time to-day to protect their own interests and save others from folly in spite of themselves .--

The polls open to-day at 8 a. m. and close at 7 p. m. Get your vote in early. And the next day the sun smiled and

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BRYAN'S BUNNING MATE.

Gossip About Judge Henry Clay Caldwell, of Arkansas.

Washington Post: Comparatively litle talk is heard among the members of the committee regarding the vice presidential nomination. There was naturally some discussion of the stateent of Benator Allen, of Nebraska, to the Populist national committee, reported in the Post yesterday, that Judge Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, Would

ed in the Post yesterday, that Judge Henry C. Caldwell, of Arkansas, would be acceptable to the Democracy if named by the Populists.

"I do not believe," said Senator Jones, of Arkansas, the chiarman of the Democratic national committee, "that Senator Allen said that the Democrats had agreed to nominate Judge Caldwell, because, as a matter of fact, no such agreement has been or could be reached. Judge Caldwell is a fine man, in every sense of the word, and is very popular in the west.

Little known as Judge Caldwell is in the east, inquiries, yesterday developed the fact that in the west he has made a very considerable name for himself. He is an interesting character. He lived in Iowa when the war broke out, and joined a cavalry regiment in Iowa, eventually reaching Arkansas. There was still mud on his boots, when, at the close of the war he was appointed by President Lincoln a judge of the Eighth judicial chrouit. Since that time he has been on the beach, and as the circuit includes Minnesots. Nebrasks, Iowa, the two Dakotas. Colorado and the states and territories as far west as the Rocky Mountains, he has traveled over a wide range of country. He is a man of sixty-two or sixty-four years of age, of fine presence, smooth-shaven face and commanding features.

Judge Caldwell is especially popular with the laboring element in the went, because of the decision he rendered in the suit of the Union Pacific rallroad employes to prevent the reduction of their wages, in violation of an agreement. Since that time he has been noted for the advanced position he has taken in matters concerning the relation of capital and labor, and it is said that the organised labor of the west regard him as their friend in every sense of the word. He supported Bryan with considerable vigor in 1896, and is now regarded as a full-fledged Democrat.

Republican League Presidency.

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Grafton Sentinel! Taylor county now has a candidate for the presidency of the Republican State League, in the person of her efficient prosecuting attorney, Ira E. Robinson. The prosecuting attorney's boom for the position was started at the meeting of the Grafton Republican League Club last Friday night, and a resolution endorsing his candidacy was unanimously adopted, and the boys will go to Parkersburg on the 5th of next month enthusiastically asking for his election. Mr. Robinson is well qualified for the office. He has the industry and the talent to make the state league an ideal chief officer, and through his labors the league would exist as a real political power. The Sentinel is siways for the Taylor county man, and hopes to see our candidate capture the political prize. a a candidate for the presidency

Rev. Wesley Hammond.

pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer. ROMNEY, W. Va., Feb. 23. — Rev Wesley Hammond died here yesterday morning, aged about sixty-five years. He was for a long time minister in



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When you've shouted "Rule Britannia,"
when you've sung "God Save the Queen,"
When you've finished killing Kruger with
your mouth,
Will you kindly drop a shilling in my littie tambourine
For a gentleman in kharki ordered
south

He's an absent-minded heggar, and his weaknesses are great.
But we and Paul must take him as we find him.
He is out on active service, wiping something off a slate.
And he's left a lot of little things behind him.

CHORUS.

Duke's son-cook's son-son of a hundred Kings and horse and for going to Fitt uncard horse and for going to the party of th

There are girls he married secret, asking

There are girls he married secret, asking no permission to. For he knew he wousdn't get it if he did. There is gas and coal and vittles, and the house-rent failing due, And it's more than rather likely there's a kid.

There are girls he walked with casual; they'll be sorry now he's gone. For an absent-minded beggar they will find him.

But it sin't the time for sermons with the winter coming on, We must help the girl that Tommy's left behind him.

Cook's son-duke's son-son of a belted Sonar; Lambeth publican-it's all the same to-day!
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the girl?)
Pass the hat for your credit's sake and pay-pay-pay-

There are families by thousands, far too proud to beg or speak.

And they'll put their sticks and bedding up the spout,

And they'll ive on half o' nothing paid empunctual once a week,

Cause the most that earned the wage is of the control of the

heard his country's call.

And his regiment diun't need to send to find him:
He chucked his job and joined it! So the job before us all!
Is to help the house that Tommy left behind.

Duke's job-cook's job-gardener, baronet, Duke's job-cook's job-gatuener, barones, groom.

Mews or palace or paper-shop-there's someone gone-away!

Each of 'em doing his country's work (and who's to look after the room-)

Pass the hat for your credit's sake, and pay-pay-pay-

Let us manage so as later we can look him in the face. And tell him-what he'd very much pre-

And tell him-what he'd very much preferThat while he saved the empire his employer saved his pipace.
And his mates (that's you and me) looked out for her.
He's an absent-minded beggar, and he
may forget it all:
But we do not want his kiddles to remind him
That we sent em to the work house while
their daddy hammered PaulSo we'll help the homes our Tommy's
left behind him!

Cook's home-duke's home-home of a millionaire:
(Pifty thousand horse and foot going to Table Hayl)
Each of 'em doing his country's work (and what have you to spare?).
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MORGANTOWN MELANGE. Church Affairs-Reduction in Police

Salaries-Social and Personal Items of an Entertaining Character From Our Cultured Neighbor. pecial Dispatch to the Intelligencer

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Feb. 22.— The Episcopal congregation of Morgantown has sold its present church site, and has purchased another, near the Episcopal hall. The church building w in use will be moved to the new lot for the present, but it is the intention of the congregation to build a new one in the near future. It is understood, also, that Bishop Peterkin will endeavor to buy the lot between church and the Episcopal hall, and convert it into play grounds for the students at the hall. When this is done the church will own about \$40,000 worth of real estate in one body. Rev. Sewell Hepburn, of Hanover county, Va., has been called to the pastorate of the church. While here a few days ago Bishop Peterkin said it was the intention of his church to extend its work

tion of his church to extend its work into every part of West Virginia, and that this has been made possible by the election of a bishop coadjutor.

As a result of the reduction of salaries by the newly elected council, the police force, from the chief down, has resigned. Jabes N. Davis was last night elected chief of police in the place of T. M. Bennett, at a salary of 40 a month, a reduction of 310. The policemen elected will get \$35 a month, instead of \$40, as heretofore.

Mr. Clarece Eddy, of Boston, the famous organist, has been enagged by the university to give a recital dedicating the new chapei pipe organ which is now being built, at a cost of \$3,000.

Hon. Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, gave his lecture on "Morals and Money" at the university last night, before a large audience.

G. B. Miller, of the Columbia Hearary

dience.
G. B. Miller, of the Columbia literary society, at the university, has been elected essayirt for the inter-society contest, in the place of Miss Grace Brahm, who resigned from the con-

population.
The engagement of Miss Louise Huston, daughter of Mr. and Mra. Samuel Huston, of Morgantown, to Mr. Louis Krepps, of Sümerset, Pa., is announced.
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